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The biographies in this projected eight volume series for elementary school children represent the diversity of Hispanic heritage in the United States. Those featured are contemporary figures with national origins in the United States or Latin America, with careers that cover many aspects of contemporary life. Every person profiled in the series is a positive role model not only for Hispanic youth but for all youth. Collectively these biographies demonstrate the value of cultural pluralism and a view that the future strength of the United States lies in nurturing diversity, not in creating national uniformity. This collection includes the life stories of: (1) Giselle Fernandez, television newscaster; (2) Jon Secada, recording artist; (3) Desi Arnaz, musician and actor; and (4) Joan Baez, folksinger and social activist. (SLD)

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